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SUBJECT: HUNGARY ALREADY CONTRIBUTING FULL RESOURCES IN
IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

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Classified By: DCM Gary Larson. Reasons: 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Per reftel the Government of Hungary (GOH) is currently contributing maximum resources to ongoing missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. On 25 April, Minister of Defense Szekeres reaffirmed GOH contributions to NTM-I in high-level Pentagon meetings with SECDEF, CJCS and at State with D, noting that Hungary "will renew its commitment" to Iraq by sending fresh troops in 2007.

¶2. (C) MOD Szekeres also announced in WashDC meetings, that Hungary will deploy a special forces team to southern Afghanistan (RC-South) next year, in addition to maintaining or expanding its PRT civil reconstruction mission in Baghlan.

¶3. (SBU) We feel that Hungary, via NATO commitments and direct assistance programs, is currently contributing its full potential to ongoing missions. Any further request of the GOH at this time would be counter productive to our bi-lateral relationship.
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